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A dispute over french fries at a McDonald's in Sandusky, Ohio, Sunday ended up with police on the scene. A customer said he wouldn't leave until he got different fries. He told officers the McDonald's employee struck him with a mop rather than give him new fries. No charges were filed. Police say the man got his money back, and left unhurt and without fries. (AP)

Valuable Holiday Lesson: Steal a Bigger Car First

Thieves who stole a TV from a Sacramento, Calif., home were thwarted when it wouldn't fit in their car. Investigators say the burglars entered the home through a back window Sunday, removed the TV and tried to load it into their Lexus. When it proved too big, they left it on the curb and drove away. Police arrested one suspect and are searching for two more. (AP)

Thieves Union Rules Big TVs Need Wheels

A man was arrested in Auburn, Wash., when he was caught wheeling a 50-inch TV in a shopping cart right past a police station on Dec. 16. An officer heard dispatchers relay a 911 call about the theft as he was pulling into the station, where he saw the culprit, dressed entirely in camouflage, walk by. (AP)

The Big Picture

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A ZOO OWNER illustrates the changeover from 2010 — the Year of the Tiger — to 2011 — the Year of the Rabbit — with live subjects at the Malabon Zoo in Malabon, Philippines, on Tuesday. China and many other parts of Asia will celebrate the start of the Year of the Rabbit on the Lunar New Year in early February 2011. (GETTY)

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CARRABASSETT VALLEY, MAINE

Several Injured as Chairs Drop From Maine Ski Lift

A 35-year-old chair lift set for upgrades or replacement failed Tuesday at the Sugarloaf resort in Carrabassett Valley, Maine, sending skiers plummeting as far as 30 feet into ungroomed snow far below what fell with the Northeast's recent blizzard and softened the landing. The resort said about six people were taken to hospitals after five chairs fell. (AP)

HIALEAH, FLA.

Carbon Monoxide Likely Poisoned, Killed 5 in Fla.

Five young men celebrating a birthday likely died due to carbon monoxide from a car they left running in a garage under their South Florida motel room, investigators said Tuesday. A maid called authorities Monday after seeing people unconscious through a window. A police spokesman said the teenagers' deaths appear to be accidental. (AP)

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The number of e-mails and letters Gov. Bill Richardson's Albuquerque, N.M., office received about the pardoning of Billy the Kid: 430 argued for a pardon and 379 opposed it. (AP)

After Holiday Spree, Doubts Stay

Consumer confidence plunges over home sales, unemployment

New York

Holiday spending surged this year, but Americans still have their doubts about the economy.

With unemployment high and home prices falling in the nation's largest cities, consumer confidence took an unexpected turn for the worse in December.

The decline followed two months of rising optimism. Economists say the economic recovery is likely to be less fitful next year.

"The modest drop in the confidence index is not worrisome," said Omair Sharif, economist at RBS Economics Research. "What matters to us — and to the economy — is that consumers are getting out there and spending. We're looking at the best holiday season for retailers in five years."

Busy malls in December are a big reason economists are less concerned about the latest consumer confidence figures. There's also a slew of data that suggest next year will be brighter. Layoffs are slowing, businesses are investing money in computers and equipment, and the stock market has risen to its highest point in two years. Still, consumers are not quite convinced.

The Conference Board, a private research group, said its Consumer Confidence Index fell to 52.5 in December, down from a revised 54.3 in the November survey. It takes a reading of 90 to indicate a healthy economy. The last time the index was that high was in December 2007.

The unemployment rate rose to 9.8 percent in November, and only 39,000 net jobs were created that month.

Chris G. Christopher Jr., senior principal economist at IHS Global Insight, cautioned not to read too much into one report. A downward trend over several months would be more worrisome. "There was a lot of unleashing of pent-up demand," Christopher said. "Things are getting better, but there are still lot of negatives." ANNE D'INNOCENZIO AND JANNA HERRON (AP)

BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

Key areas such as jewelry, home furnishings and electronics are still below pre-recession levels. Many retailers offered free shipping to lure buyers back.

Home Sales Slump

The biggest negative may be the decline in home prices in the largest U.S. cities. Every city in the Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller 20-city home price index posted a decline from September to October. The last time that happened was in February 2009. This year is on pace to finish as the worst for home sales in more than a decade. High unemployment and tight credit have kept people from buying. (AP)

The Need for Mead: That drink of Viking saga and medieval verse, mead, is making a comeback. But this ain't your ancestors' honey wine — in fact, this most ancient of alcoholic libations hasn't been this hot since Beowulf slew Grendel's dam and Geoffrey Chaucer fell in with the Canterbury pilgrims at the Tabard. In the past decade, the number of "meaderies" in the United States has tripled to about 150, says Vicky Rowe, owner of Gotmead.com. (AP)

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People shovel snow to free their cars Tuesday as a New York City Sanitation Department plow travels down a street in Queens.

East Is Still Digging Out

Exhausted travelers start heading back home after blizzard

New York

Two magic words — "on time" — started appearing on some airport departure boards Tuesday as stranded passengers' patience and cash waned after a blizzard that brought transportation to a halt in the Northeast during one of the busiest travel times of the year.

For bedraggled passengers who were finally about to board flights home after Christmas, there was a sense of exhaustion that overwhelmed any excitement they might have felt.

Displaced Passengers

Experts said it would likely take several days to rebook all the displaced passengers after the blizzard of December 2010 sucker-punched the northeastern U.S. on Sunday night and into Monday. As airports sought to get back to normal, a new snag emerged — planes being forced to sit for hours on runways. One Cathay Pacific flight sat on the runway at New York's Kennedy Airport for more than 10 hours before passengers were allowed to walk off Tuesday morning. (AP)

The weary travelers said they were given meager snacks such as juice, water, cookies or instant soup, and got conflicting reports about why they could not leave. Explanations ranged from the airport not having enough staff to accommodate landings, customs not being fully operational and a lack of gate space.

Adriana Siqueira, 38, a housekeeper from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., has been told she and her 10-year-old daughter cannot get home from New York's LaGuardia Airport until New Year's Day. They have already spent one night in the terminal and can't afford a hotel room.

"I have no idea what I'm going to do," Siqueira said. "I don't feel good." CHRIS HAWLEY AND MEGHAN BARR (AP)

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All Stamps to Get 'Forever' Moniker

Postal Service: Move will help customers cope with rising costs

Washington

Rummaging around for 1- and 2-cent postage stamps when postal rates go up is heading the way of the Pony Express. Beginning in January, all new stamps good for 1 ounce of first-class mail will be marked as "forever."

The move is designed to help customers cope with postage increases, a U.S. Postal Service official told The Associated Press on Tuesday. The official requested anonymity to discuss a policy that hasn't been announced formally.

Postmaster General Patrick R. Donahoe plans to announce the new policy Jan. 14, the official said. "I think that's a great idea," Sean Swilling, a research analyst for commercial property, said inside a downtown Washington post office during a mail run. "Streamline things — that would be perfect."

When the Postal Service unveiled its first-class commemorative stamps for 2011 on Tuesday, all were marked "forever" instead of the current rate of 44 cents.

DOUGLASS K. DANIEL (AP)

Backstory

The initial first-class stamp under the new policy will be the Lunar New Year: Year of the Rabbit stamp, to be issued Jan. 22. It will be followed by stamps commemorating Kansas statehood on Jan. 29 and, in February, the centennial of former president Ronald Reagan's birth. The Forever Stamp, first issued in April 2007 and featuring the Liberty Bell, was designed for use regardless of changes in postal rates. (AP)

Carter Shells Out Time for Turtles

ANDY NEWMAN/AP

FORMER PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER, left, holds a juvenile green sea turtle next to his wife, Rosalynn, on Tuesday during a tour at the Turtle Hospital in Marathon, Fla. Carter was in the Florida Keys during a family vacation and also helped release a rehabilitated loggerhead sea turtle into the Atlantic Ocean.

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World

Europe's Rising Tide of Anarchy

Groups are angered by continent's debt crisis, analysts say

Rome

A loosely linked movement of European anarchists who want to bring down state and financial institutions is becoming more violent and coordinated after decades out of the spotlight, and may be responding to social tensions spawned by the continent's financial crisis, security experts say.

Italian police said Tuesday that letter bombs were sent to three embassies in Rome by Italian anarchists in solidarity with jailed Greek anarchists, who had asked their comrades to coordinate a global "revolutionary war."

Package bombs exploded at the Swiss and Chilean embassies in Rome on Dec. 23, wounding two people. A third bomb was defused at the Greek Embassy on Monday.

Extreme left-wing and anarchist movements have existed for decades in Europe, though officials have focused far more on the threat of Islamist terrorism.

But the European Union's police agency, Europol, reported this year that attacks by far-left and anarchist militant groups jumped by 43 percent in 2009 compared to the previous year, and more than doubled over 2007, with most incidents in Italy, Spain and Greece.

VINCENZO PINTO/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Mail bombs sent to embassies in Rome in recent days have spurred added security.

"We will organize internationally and take aim at the enemy. We can't wait to see ... the guerrilla groups striking again and again."

— **A STATEMENT BY THE CONSPIRACY NUCLEI OF FIRE,** WHICH TOOK CREDIT FOR THE 14 MAIL BOMBS IN ATHENS IN NOVEMBER, CALLING ANARCHISTS TO ACTION.

Spain and Greece have been hit particularly hard by government cutbacks and unemployment resulting from a continentwide debt crisis. Italy has also been growing tense in response to austerity measures and a political duel between Premier Silvio Berlusconi and a former ally that for weeks threatened the government's survival.

"Anarchists-insurrectionists work to try to raise the level of clashes when there are problems," said Marco Boschi, a criminologist who teaches a course on terrorism at the University of Florence. "They exploit every occasion."

Alessandro Ceci, of the Center of Superior Studies for the Fight Against Terrorism and Political Violence, theorized the Italian anarchists may be trying to take advantage of the political climate in Italy: Berlusconi has seen his parliamentary majority fall and barely survived a no-confidence vote this month.

In addition, protests against university budget cuts turned violent on Dec. 14, thanks in part to anarchist infiltration of student demonstrators. **(AP)**

In Brief

ABIDJAN, IVORY COAST

Region's Leaders Press Gbagbo to Step Down

Gbagbo

West African leaders delivered an ultimatum to Laurent Gbagbo on Tuesday after threatening a military ouster if he doesn't accept an offer to go into exile. Ivory Coast's incumbent leader has shown no interest in stepping aside to allow internationally recognized winner Alassane Ouattara to take charge. **(AP)**

CIUDAD JUAREZ, MEXICO

Town's 1 Police Officer Missing, Officials Say

The last remaining police officer in the Mexican border town of Guadalupe has disappeared, and prosecutors in Chihuahua state said Tuesday they have started a search for her. Ericka Gandara, 28, hasn't been seen since Dec. 23. Her relatives have not filed a kidnap complaint, officials said. **(AP)**

TEHRAN, IRAN

Iran Hangs Accused Spy

Iran on Tuesday hanged an Iranian convicted of spying for Israel, the official IRNA news agency reported. The man had been accused of providing Israel with information on Iran's military. **(AP)**

Political Rift Forms in Pakistan

Islamabad

Pakistan's U.S.-allied ruling party suffered a fresh blow to its fragile hold on power Tuesday when a coalition partner said it will quit the Cabinet, deepening the nation's political turmoil and potentially distracting Islamabad from helping U.S. forces target militants.

New elections could lead to the emergence of a government not as friendly to U.S. interests and less vocal in opposing the Taliban.

Still, even if the government changes — a prospect that is not at all certain — the country's new leaders will be faced with the same seemingly intractable challenges as their predecessors: a feeble economy, chronic power shortages and rebuilding after this year's horrendous flooding.

President Asif Ali Zardari will likely retain his post, even if Pakistan's Cabinet loses one of its coalition member parties.

And they will have to navigate the delicate partnership between their military and the U.S., to target al-Qaeda and Taliban fighters.

The decision Tuesday by the Muttahida Qaumi Movement to leave the Cabinet showed the willingness of members of the governing coalition to challenge the unpopular, ruling Pakistan People's Party. **NAHAL TOOSI (AP)**

Seeking Warmth in Northern India

RAJESH KUMAR SINGH/AP

HOMELESS PEOPLE HUDDLE around a fire to keep warm on Tuesday in Allahabad, India. Unusually cold weather has swept through the region, leaving at least seven people dead, according to area news reports.

Hearsay

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An Iraqi soldier patrols vehicles waiting Tuesday to clear a checkpoint in Baghdad.

A Stable Baghdad May Unclog Roads

Leaders mull cutting some checkpoints choking Iraqi capital

Baghdad

Iraq's leaders are investigating the possibility of removing some of Baghdad's hundreds of much-hated checkpoints because of the improving security situation, the city's military spokesman said Tuesday.

Maj. Gen. Qassim al-Moussawi said that Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has asked commanders to evaluate the security situation in Baghdad and decide which of the roughly 870 checkpoints that dot the city can be removed.

The checkpoints, manned by Iraqi soldiers and police, are designed to catch insurgents, but they also slow traffic in the already congested city.

As security has improved, the prime minister started last year to remove some of the concrete blast walls that snake their way across the city. The blast walls and checkpoints give the city, which is slowly recovering from years of violence, the air of being under a military occupation.

The decision is fraught with risk. Last year, the removal of some of the walls was followed by a series of deadly blasts targeting government institutions, killing hundreds of people. Some barriers went back up.

Baghdad residents generally abhor the checkpoints. Each resident has a story about being stuck at one for an hour or more.

Another driver described in frustration of how high-ranking government officials bypass long lines of vehicles at checkpoints while regular citizens are forced to wait, sometimes for hours.

And most Baghdadis don't consider the checkpoints to be remotely effective.

Still, the captain in charge of one checkpoint in the Karradah neighborhood said less than a week ago, his men found a bomb attached to the undercarriage of a minibus and defused it. **(AP)**

50M **The number of passengers** to arrive at Hong Kong International Airport in 2010 as of Saturday, a record surge that officials on Monday attributed to China's economy. Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, which welcomed more than 88 million passengers in 2009, is on track to stay the world's busiest. **(AP)**

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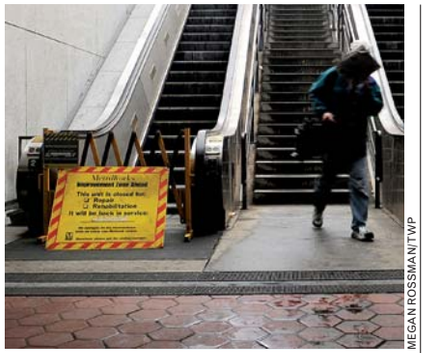
Quick Fix for Escalators

Metro to overhaul 8 lifts on accelerated schedule during the next 2 months

Metro will overhaul eight escalators over the next two months on an accelerated schedule — four at Gallery Place-Chinatown Station and four at Union Station.

Metro said it will employ two shifts of workers in order to complete the work in eight weeks instead of 12, finishing by the end of February.

All parts of the escalators will be replaced, refurbished or removed — including steps, handrails, safety devices and electrical units. When one escalator is being worked on, another will be taken out of service and used as steps, Metro said.



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A rider passes a broken escalator in Clarendon.

The escalators to be overhauled include four at the Seventh Street entrance at the Gallery Place station and another four at both the Amtrak entrance and First Street mezzanine at Union Station.

A recent independent report on Metro escalators and elevators found that Metro was not following its own maintenance standards for keeping the conveyances operating, and identified specific problems with escalator brakes, prompting Metro to inspect all escalators in the system and make immediate repairs. ANN SCOTT TYSON (THE WASHINGTON POST)

New Year's Reprieve

Metro is extending its hours over the New Year's holiday. Metrorail stations will be open on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day from 7 a.m. to 3 a.m. The trains will be operating on a Sunday schedule each day. Metro says New Year's Day ridership is traditionally light.

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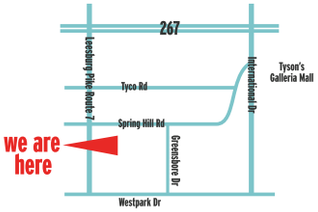

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Vincent Gray's inauguration day events will include a morning prayer service.

WASHINGTON

Public Invited to Gray's Swearing-In as Mayor

The public is being invited to attend the inauguration of Vincent Gray as the sixth elected mayor of Washington. Several inaugural events will be held Sunday at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Northwest Washington, and all are free. The day will begin with a prayer service at 8 a.m. Gray's inauguration and a swearing-in ceremony for D.C. Council members will be held at 10 a.m. Tickets are not needed for either event. **(AP)**

WASHINGTON

Brickskeller to Reopen Under 'Bier Baron' Name

The bar formerly known as Brickskeller, renowned beyond Washington for its huge beer menu, will reopen as the Bier Baron. New owner Megan Merrifield says the bar will officially open Wednesday evening. She says that at the opening 350 different kinds of beer left from Brickskeller will be part of a special "Brickskeller blowout" menu. **(AP)**

UPPER MARLBORO, MD.

Pr. George's to Fund Audit of Housing Dept.

Prince George's County will pay for an audit of the county's Department of Housing and Community Development after long-standing concerns about the department's operations. The county's Office of Audits and Investigations recommended an independent audit in May, and it is being initiated by county officials separately from a wide-ranging public corruption investigation in the county. **(AP)**

Snow Prep Doesn't Come Cheap

After record storms last season, states go all out to stay ready

Washington

After criticism over slow response times to snowmageddon last winter, local jurisdictions and state transportation agencies weren't going to be caught unaware this time.

A number of weather services predicted the first major snowstorm of the year over Christmas weekend. Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, a Democrat, and Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell, a Republican, both issued preemptive state of emergency declarations.

And then the storm never came. D.C. was left with only a dusting of snow.

Preparation for the no-show snow didn't come cheap.

The Virginia Department of Transportation spent "well over a million dollars" in Northern Virginia over the weekend, spokeswoman Joan Morris told TBD. com. The department had about 1,700 trucks on the road.

But with $33 million to spend on snow removal in Northern Virginia this year, according to the Washington Examiner, the Virginia Department of Transportation should be just fine. Both Maryland and Virginia increased their snow removal budgets this year.

Karyn LeBlanc, a spokeswoman for the District Department of Transportation, says the department estimated it spent more than $500,000 over the weekend, according to TBD.com.

Montgomery County had 400 people and 375 trucks ready to go at 2 a.m. Sunday, though they went home 14 hours later. Arlington County had about 150 employees out over a 24-hour period.

ELIZABETH FLOCK (THE WASHINGTON POST)

MATTHEW S. GUNBY/AP

A Wicomico County, Md., worker clears snow in downtown Salisbury Monday.

Chilling Out at the Conservation Institute

DAYNA SMITH/FTWP

A FEMALE CHEETAH, one of two cubs born at the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute in Front Royal, Va., this month to two separate females and now nursed by one of the mothers, is weighed Tuesday afternoon to ensure its viability.

Property Values Plummet in Md. By 22 Percent

Annapolis, Md.

The Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation says real estate values on residential properties have dropped by 22 percent in the past three years, the largest decline in the history of the department.

The department mailed notices on Tuesday to about 739,765 property owners that reflected the drop.

Maryland reassesses properties every three years. The new assessments are based on the sales of about 50,650 properties over that time. While the assessments play a role in determining local property taxes, next July's tax bills will be calculated with tax rates set by local governments. **(AP)**

The Lotteries

Tuesday, Dec. 28

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Mid-day Pick 3	7-7-2
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Match 5 (Mon.)	3-12-14-17-38 (20)

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Evening Lucky Numbers (Mon.)	6-4-2
Mid-day DC 4	6-8-6-2
Evening DC 4 (Mon.)	0-0-7-9
Mid-day D.C. Five	6-8-0-3-7
Evening D.C. Five (Mon.)	2-6-8-5-6

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	4-8-5
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	3-6-4
Mid-day Pick 4	2-6-5-4
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	7-9-4-3
Mid-day Cash 5 (Tues.)	6-8-14-15-33
Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)	10-18-23-26-32

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A Runaway Job Market

As domestic demand falls, burgeoning economies overseas lure U.S. companies

Economy

Corporate profits are up. Stock prices are up. So, why isn't anyone hiring?

Actually, many American companies are — just maybe not in your town. They're hiring overseas, where sales are surging and the pipeline of orders is fat.

More than half of the 15,000 people that Caterpillar Inc. has hired this year were outside the U.S. UPS is also hiring at a faster clip overseas. For both companies, sales in international markets are growing at least twice as fast as domestically.

> **"There's a huge difference between what is good for American companies versus what is good for the American economy."**
>
> — **ROBERT SCOTT,** THE SENIOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIST AT THE ECONOMIC POLICY INSTITUTE, A WASHINGTON THINK TANK.

The trend helps explain why unemployment remains high in the United States, edging up to 9.8 percent last month, even though companies are performing well: All but 4 percent of the top 500 U.S. corporations reported profits this year, and the stock market is close to its highest point since the 2008 financial meltdown.

But the jobs are going elsewhere. The Economic Policy Institute, a Washington think tank, says American companies have created 1.4 million jobs overseas this year, compared with less than 1 million in the U.S. The additional 1.4 million jobs would have lowered the U.S. unemployment rate to 8.9 percent, says Robert Scott, the institute's senior international economist.

American jobs have been moving overseas for more than two decades. In recent years, though, those jobs have become more sophisticated — think semiconductors and software, not toys and clothes.

And now many of the products being made overseas aren't coming back to the United States. Demand has grown dramatically this year in emerging markets such as India, China and Brazil.

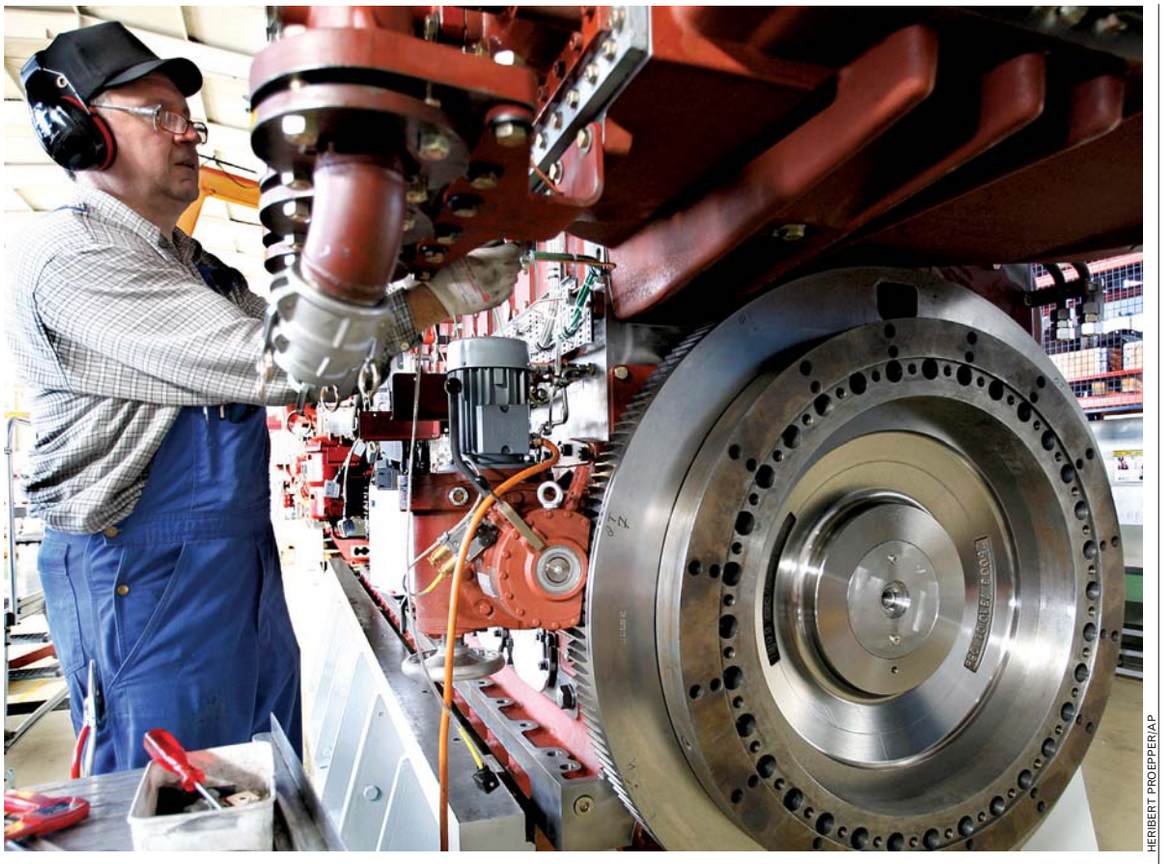
"Companies will go where there are fast-growing markets and big profits," says Jeffrey Sachs, globalization expert and economist at Columbia University. "What's changed is that companies today are getting top talent in emerging economies, and the U.S. has to really watch out."

Consider Vast.com, which powers the search engines of sites such as Yahoo Travel and Aol Autos. The company was founded in 2005 with employees based in San Francisco and Serbia.

Harvard Business School Dean Nitin Nohria worries that the trend could be dangerous. In an article in the November issue of the Harvard Business Review, he says that if U.S. businesses keep prospering while Americans are struggling, business leaders will lose legitimacy in society.

Other economists, such as Columbia University's Sachs, say multinational corporations have no choice, especially now that the quality of the global work force has improved. Sachs points out that the U.S. is falling in most global rankings for higher education while others are rising.

"We are not fulfilling the educational needs of our young people," Sachs says. "In a globalized world, there are serious consequences to that." **PALLAVI GOGOI (AP)**



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A technician works at a Caterpillar factory in Friedrichsort, Germany. The company hired more people abroad than in the U.S. in 2010.

Middle-Class Rise

A key factor behind this runaway international growth is the rise of the middle class in these emerging countries. By 2015, for the first time, the number of consumers in Asia's middle class will equal those in Europe and North America combined. Coca-Cola CEO Muhtar Kent often points out that a billion consumers will enter the middle class during the coming decade, mostly in Africa, China and India. Of Coke's 93,000 global employees, less than 13 percent were in the U.S. in 2009. The company would not say how many new U.S. hires it has made in 2010. But its latest new investments are overseas, including $240 million for three bottling plants in Inner Mongolia. **(AP)**

Case in Point

DUPONT wowed the world in 1938 with nylon stockings and was known as one of the most innovative American companies of the 20th century. It now sells less than a third of its products in the U.S. In the first nine months of this year, sales to the Asia-Pacific region grew 50 percent, triple the U.S. rate. Its stock is up 47 percent this year.

DuPont's work force reflects the shift in its growth: In a presentation on emerging markets, the company said its share of U.S. employees shrank by 9 percent between January 2005 and October 2009. In the same period, its work force grew 54 percent in the Asia-Pacific countries.

"We are a global player out to succeed in any geography where we participate in," says Thomas M. Connelly, chief innovation officer at DuPont. "We want our resources close to where our customers are, to tailor products to their needs."

While most of DuPont's research labs are still stateside, Connelly says he's impressed with the company's overseas talent. The company opened a large research facility in Hyderabad, India, in 2008. **(AP)**

Sports

TWP

Donovan McNabb and Mike Shanahan talk.

McNabb Backs Agent's Attack On Shanahans

The Redskins

Quarterback Donovan McNabb said he supports the controversial statement issued last week by his agent, who blasted the Redskins, but he repeated his desire to return to the team next season.

"Would I like to be the quarterback here? Yes, absolutely," he said during his weekly radio show on ESPN 980 Tuesday. "Things would obviously have to change," he added. "Relationships would have to be better."

Agent Fletcher Smith called out Mike and Kyle Shanahan for their treatment of McNabb. The quarterback said he did not see the statement before it was issued. But "when I read the whole thing, I didn't see nothing wrong with it," he noted. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

TV Lineup

TERPS FOOTBALL (2:30 P.M., ESPN) In Ralph Friedgen's last game as coach, Maryland plays East Carolina in the Military Bowl.

HOYAS HOOPS (7 P.M., ESPN2) Georgetown opens up Big East play at Notre Dame.

WIZARDS (7 P.M., CSN) The Wizards play the first of two-straight games against the Indiana Pacers.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (6 P.M., 9:15 P.M., ESPN) Illinois battles Baylor in the Texas Bowl. Arizona plays Oklahoma State in the Alamo Bowl.

Going Out on a High Note?

Star WR Smith mulls turning pro as Terps prep for bowl game

Terps Football

Torrey Smith has already donned the black cap and gown and walked across the stage to claim his place as a graduate of the University of Maryland.

In his last game at Byrd Stadium, the junior turned in one of the most memorable performances ever by a Terrapin receiver: 14 catches for 224 yards and four touchdowns in a victory over North Carolina State.

His name is already comfortably etched all over the record book's lists of top games, seasons and careers among Maryland receivers. He has more all-purpose yards than any ACC player in history.

So, while Maryland fans bid goodbye Wednesday to Ralph Friedgen, their coach of the last 10 years, don't be surprised if the Military Bowl is also the last game for the team's most dynamic player.

Smith said this week that he's still awaiting a final rating from the NFL's draft advisory board, which lets underclassmen know where they can expect to be selected in April's NFL draft.

"The biggest thing for me is getting my information back," Smith said.

He later indicated that he could make his decision by the weekend, suggesting he may not wait until the university names its next head coach.

Smith also has family considerations to weigh. His mother spent time in prison earlier this year, stemming from an assault charge, and has struggled to earn a decent wage since being released. An NFL paycheck could make a big difference for Smith's mother and siblings.

And though Smith insists he'll wait to hear from the advisory board, his numbers compare favorably to a pair of former Terrapins who left after their junior seasons. Receiver Darrius Heyward-Bey was the No. 7 overall pick in 2009, and tight end Vernon Davis went No. 6 in 2006.

But neither Heyward-Bey nor Davis experienced immediate success in the NFL.

So, Smith might opt to come back for another season playing with quarterback Danny O'Brien, who developed rapidly in his redshirt freshman season.

"That's for him to decide in the end," O'Brien said. "I know he's going to make the right decision for him and his family. We'd love to have him back, but if not, hopefully, we'll have a great last game and go out with a win." DEREK TURNER

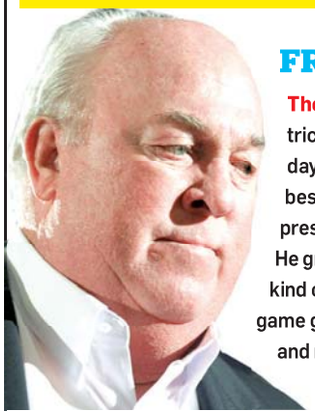
MARVIN JOSEPH/THEWASHINGTONPOST

"I don't know. Everything's so confusing. I thought coach Friedgen was going to be here, so the coaching change has had a little bit of a negative effect."

— TERPS WR TORREY SMITH, WHO'S WEIGHING WHETHER TO RETURN TO MARYLAND FOR HIS SENIOR SEASON OR TO DECLARE FOR THE UPCOMING NFL DRAFT.

Career Marks

- Smith's **150 career receptions** are No. 3 on the school's all-time list, ahead of Darrius Heyward-Bey's 138 and Vernon Davis' 83.
- Smith's **2,208 yards** are No. 2, ahead of Heyward-Bey's 2,089 and Davis' 1,371.
- His **19 career receiving touchdowns** are only two shy of Jermaine Lewis' school mark and well ahead of Heyward-Bey's 13 and Davis' nine.
- And his **12 receiving touchdowns** this year already ranks as the best single-season mark in school history.



FRIEDGEN'S FINAL DAYS

The tear is hard earned, the one that seems perpetually on the verge of spilling out and trickling down Ralph Friedgen's face. In the 10 days since it was announced that Wednesday's Military Bowl would be Friedgen's last game at Maryland, the coach has tried his best to make peace with his firing. He tried deflecting questions about his job status at a press conference last week to no avail. "It's been a stressful week," Friedgen admitted. He grew more emotional discussing the players. "The kids have been great," he said. "It's kind of a warm feeling, really." He's likened the past 10 days to dying a slow death, but the game gives players and fans a chance to pay their respects to a coach who won an ACC title and reached seven bowl games. And Friedgen has a parting shot in mind for those that cut him loose. "We're going to be 9-4," he said, "and we're going to be in the Top 25." D.T.

Georgetown Braces for Big East Season

7 p.m.
Wed. | ESPN2

Hoyas Hoops

Georgetown's first game may have been Nov. 12. Its record may stand at 11-1. But its season is just starting.

Big East play finally arrives with Wednesday's game at Notre Dame. Georgetown has been gearing up for conference play since the season started, taking each game of its tough early schedule one at a time and focusing on becoming the versatile, adaptable team needed to make a championship run.

"Every year you're going to look up and you're going to have two, three, four, five teams that at the end of the year you're going to say, 'I wouldn't be surprised if they win it all,'" coach John Thompson III said in the preseason.

Only USF is below .500 in the Big East so far this season, while two are 6-6, including DePaul — which the Hoyas face on New Year's Day. Before that, though, comes Notre Dame

The Fighting Irish are solid in the same areas as the Hoyas, hitting 3-pointers into double digits in four outings. Among Big East teams, Georgetown and Notre Dame rank first and second in 3-point percentage, respectively.

With such a loaded conference, Georgetown must make every game count — starting with the opener — if it hopes to improve on last year's seventh-place finish.

"Our team is very, very different from a lot of teams," junior Jason Clark said. "We're a lot thinner than other teams; other teams look a lot stronger. But our guys, I feel like we're not scared to play anybody." KRYSTINA LUCIDO

Hoyas' High Fives

Heading into the Big East opener, Georgetown looks to boast one of the league's best teams. It is in the top 5 in many categories:

- No. 5 in scoring offense
- No. 4 in free-throw percentage
- No. 3 in assists
- No. 2 in rebounding defense
- No. 1 in 3-pointers
- No. 1 field goal percentage

TONI L. SANDYS/TWP

Maryland's Jordan Williams, right, is looking to continue his streak of double-doubles.

Terrapins Find Meaning In Nonleague Contests

Terps Hoops

There is little that can be done to generate excitement about nonconference college basketball this time of year. The early-season matchups against major conference opponents are past, and the Maryland Terrapins (8-4, 0-1 ACC) now are preparing to go a few rounds with their last two sparring partners before ACC play begins in earnest.

North Florida visits College Park on Wednesday, and Colgate comes next week. If you look hard enough, you might find a compelling story line or two in there.

For one, sophomore Jordan Williams, in the next two games, can tie and break former No. 1 draft pick Joe Smith's 15-year-old school record of seven-straight double-doubles. Williams, who is averaging 18.2 points and 11.9 rebounds, has failed to record a double-double only twice this season.

Still need a reason to watch? After North Florida and Colgate, Maryland's next opponent is No. 1-ranked Duke on Jan. 9. Coach Gary Williams has a last chance to settle on a lineup before things get serious. He made a major tweak last week against the New Jersey Institute of Technology, starting freshman Pe'Shon Howard over senior Cliff Tucker. "You never know how subbing a player is going to affect them," Williams said. "You may lose a player, or you may motivate them. ... All of the guys are aware that every spot is open." DEREK TURNER

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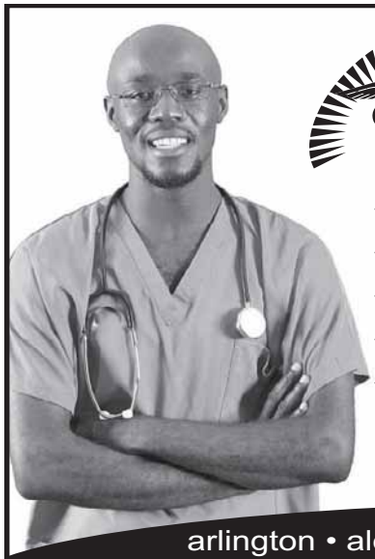

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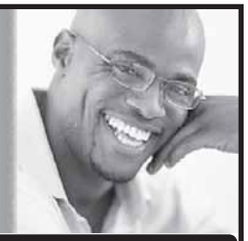

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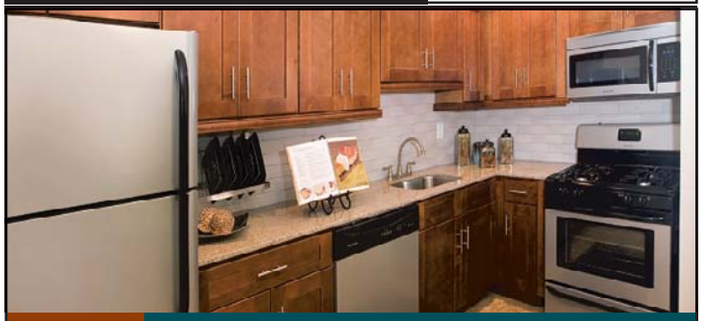

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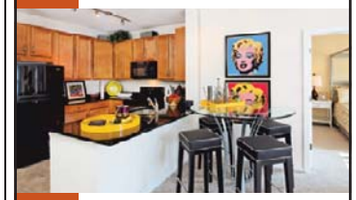

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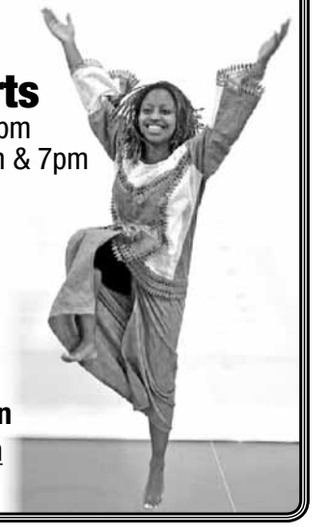

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Apple's Achiever

Watching my brother-in-law disappear into his home office for hours on Christmas day to download apps into the iPad my sister gave him as a present, I realized that it is now undeniable: Apple's gadget is the best new device of 2010.

By Kenneth Terrell

When I bought one shortly after its launch in April, the iPad immediately won me over with how appealingly portable it makes the Web. For years, tech companies had tried and failed to make tablet computers people actually would want. Remember a spectacular failure from the late '80s called the Apple Newton? This year, Apple succeeded to such a degree that other companies including Samsung and BlackBerry began to hype their own tablet computers. They'll have some trouble catching up.

Rumor has it that Apple will start selling a new model of the iPad in April 2011. Fans already have a wish list for the features they'd like to see. At the top, of course, is built-in wireless compatibility with a carrier other than AT&T. The other built-in feature most people want in a new model is a camera. With a few key improvements like these, the iPad could become a repeat winner in 2011.

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TWO QUINTESSENTIAL Washington movies were named to the Library of Congress's National Film Registry on Tuesday. "All the President's Men" and "The Exorcist," along with 23 other feature films, documentaries and shorts, have been deemed "works of enduring significance to American culture," according to Librarian of Congress James H. Billington, and thus important enough to be preserved for all time.

Whereas last year the registry made history by including Michael Jackson's "Thriller," no such surprises grace this year's list, unless you count a preponderance of films from the 1970s. In addition to "All the President's Men" (1976) and "The Exorcist" (1973), '70s films that made the cut included the documentary "Grey Gardens" (1976), about Edith and Edie Beale, cousins of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis; Robert Altman's reinvented western "McCabe & Mrs. Miller" (1971); and the disco musical "Saturday Night Fever" (1977). At least three of this year's films were directed by or feature artists who passed away in 2010: "Airplane!," starring the late Leslie Nielsen; "The Empire Strikes Back," directed by the late Irvin Kershner; and "The Pink Panther," directed by the late Blake Edwards.

25
The number of feature films added to the Library of Congress' National Film Registry each year.

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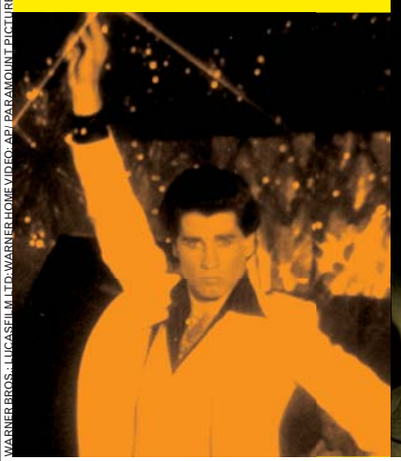
The number of films added in 2010 directed by or starring people who died in 2010.

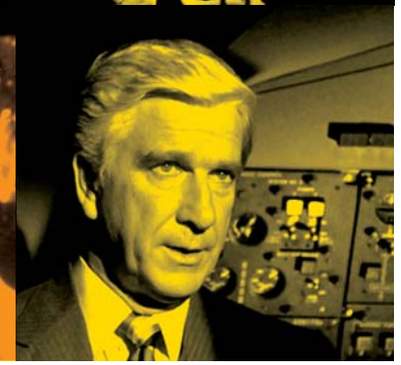
The board met in November to select 25 films from a list of hundreds of titles. The board includes such well-known figures in the film world as Martin Scorsese, Leonard Maltin and actress Alfre Woodard, and representatives of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and other filmmaking institutions.

Each year, the Library of Congress receives recommendations from the public as to which 25 movies ought to be included in the registry, which, with the 2010 crop, will include 550 films. "Anything more than 10 years old can be included," Billington said. ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

NEW CLASSICS IN THE VAULT

The Library of Congress immortalizes a number of legendary films that need no introduction — and a handful that do





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Clockwise from top left: Films added to the National Film Registry include "All the President's Men," "The Empire Strikes Back," "The Exorcist," "Airplane!" and "Saturday Night Fever."

Stayin' Alive

This year's list of National Film Registry additions includes films that may have been in danger of being forgotten. Half the films produced before 1950 and an estimated 90 percent of the films made before 1920 have been lost or destroyed, according to Librarian of Congress James H. Billington. Older and lesser-known films on this year's list include:

"Preservation of the Sign Language," a film produced in 1913 in which onetime National Association of the Deaf President George Veditz demonstrates sign language as a necessary option at a time when deaf people were being pressured to verbalize and lip-read.

The 1906 short **"A Trip Down Market Street,"** a 13-minute record of a San Francisco street taken by a camera mounted on the front of a cable car shortly before the earthquake and fire that would devastate the city.

"Tarantella" (1940), a five-minute experiment in abstract line, color and sound by avant-garde filmmaker Mary Ellen Bute.

The landmark 1969 film **"I Am Joaquin,"** which helped forge and introduce the concept of Chicano cultural identity. (TWP)

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The Academy Expands

135 new Oscar voters join the ranks of film's elite tastemakers

Honors

The holiday season is high time for film fans. The year's best pictures hit theaters, awards buzz begins, and extra days off make for perfect moviegoing conditions.

Still, some of the world's biggest cinephiles might enjoy this season more than most: As the newest members of the film academy, they'll be voting on the Oscars for the first time.

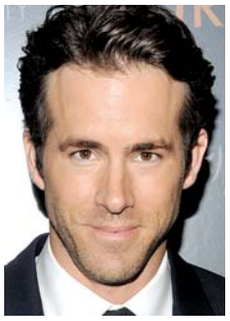
The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences invited 135 actors, animators, art directors, cinematographers, documentarians, producers, publicists, writers and other filmmakers to join its ranks in 2010, and their first-ever Oscar ballots were mailed out Monday.

The academy's class of 2010 recently attended a private party, where they were welcomed to one of Hollywood's most exclusive clubs by president Tom Sherak, who called the event "rookie night at the academy."

An academy member for 27 years, Sherak said he still feels like "the ultimate movie fan." His advice to new voters: "Vote as conscientiously as you possibly can."

"This is something we do that the whole world pays attention to," Sherak told the recruits, "and we need you to take that seriously."

He explained the two rounds of voting: The results of the nominations ballots are announced Jan. 25. Then the final ballots arrive in February, leading to the Oscar ceremony on Feb. 27. SANDY COHEN (AP)



VIP Voters

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences extended membership invites to film professionals who "distinguished themselves by their contributions." Actors joining the group include:

- Ryan Reynolds, left, "X-Men Origins: Wolverine"
- Vera Farmiga, "Up in the Air," "The Departed"
- Zoe Saldana, "Avatar," "Star Trek"
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Defining Moment

Director/actor John Cameron Mitchell reflects on grief and loss with 'Rabbit Hole'

Director Q&A

John Cameron Mitchell, the star of and brilliant mind behind the campy "Hedwig and the Angry Inch" and the sexually laced drama "Shortbus," received a lot of lucrative offers after his successes — including a role in an "X-Men" film. But he decided to hold out for something special. That came in the form of the screenplay adaptation of the Pulitzer Prize-winning play "Rabbit Hole."

Mitchell

The drama about a grieving married couple (Nicole Kidman and Aaron Eckhart) learning to live after the death of their 4-year-old son deeply affected Mitchell. When Mitchell was 14, his younger brother Samuel died of a heart problem.

"Samuel was an event that defined our family. That happened in 1976 when I was in Kansas, and the woman who inspired Hedwig was his baby sitter," says Mitchell. "I think I lost my faith in the kind of God that I was taught existed when my brother died. It kind of didn't make sense after that. ... ['Rabbit Hole'] has a lot of resonances in my life."

JOJO WHILDEN/LIONSGATE

Nicole Kidman and Aaron Eckhart grieve for their son in the drama "Rabbit Hole."

"It's part of your responsibility to find out how it is to work with someone if you can. ... I did do my research [on Nicole Kidman], and it bore itself out."

Each of your three films have all had the same underlying theme — isolated people deciding whether to be alone. What is it about isolation that speaks to you?

I was an Army brat, so I was always the new guy in town. You find a way to fit in quickly, but you never feel like you really belong. ... I'm drawn to outsider characters.

What was the most challenging part of making this film?

It was challenging not to be fully in control, creatively. ... It was basically two producers and me who triangulated the film, but I think that it wouldn't have been as good a film without them.

I read that, aside from one bad experience, you have never worked with a star before. Did you actually call several directors beforehand who had worked with Kidman?

I do that with everybody, with all films. Investors, producers, actors — a lot of people don't, and they have a terrible experience with someone. It's part of your responsibility to find out how it is to work with someone if you can. ... I'm too old and life is too short. ... I did do my research [on Kidman], and it bore itself out. I was very happy.

CASSIE CARPENTER (BACK STAGE)

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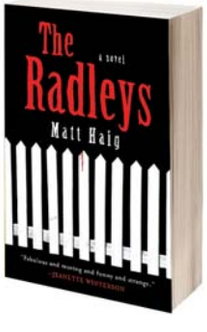

"THE RADLEYS" (FREE PRESS/SIMON & SCHUSTER, $25)

Fresh Blood for a Drained Genre

We know what you're thinking: "Oh, dear, another vampire novel? Yawn." But there's something irresistible about "The Radleys," Matt Haig's novel about a family of vampires living in a quiet English village. For one thing, Helen and Peter Radley are non-practicing vampires — they don't kill humans or animals for blood — and they're not only raising their teenage children, Rowan and Clara, the same way, but they are also keeping their true nature a secret from them. (In Haig's creation, vampires can reproduce the way the humans do, as opposed to conversion by blood-drinking.) "The Radleys" is full of clever turns, darkly hilarious spins on what is to many a tired subject. MICHELLE WIENER (AP)

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1 Last Chance

Though Norman Rockwell's art has a reputation for making white bread look spicy, his work is actually full of wit and commentary on the era he was painting. Some of his best stuff is on show under the name "Telling Stories" at the Smithsonian through Sunday, courtesy of collectors George Lucas and Stephen Spielberg. ***Smithsonian American Art Museum, 8th and F streets NW; through Jan. 2, free; 202-633-1000. (Gallery Place)***

2 'Christmas' Present

Ford's production of "A Christmas Carol" is like death. Or taxes! We just mean it's constant, not that it's the worst thing in the world. In fact, it's a pleasing, utterly traditional look at everyone's favorite ghost-ridden Christmas story — sort of like if those nursing home carolers with the authentic 1860s crinolines decided to act out a story for you. ***Ford's Theatre, 511 10th St. NW; through Jan. 2; 202-397-7328. (Metro Center)***

3 Hallowed Camp Ground

Drag queen goddesses the Kinsey Sicks, below, have reunited for a campy holiday show titled — no, really — "Oy Vey in a Manger." It's a collection of song parodies in four-part harmony, but due to a recent historic decision, they've retired one of the songs: "Jingle Bells, Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is no more. ***Theater J, 1529 16th St. NW; through Jan. 2; 800-494-8497. (Dupont Circle)***

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Little Fockers (PG-13) CC-Closed Captions: 11:40-2:20-5:00-7:40-10:10
Yogi Bear 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 11:15-1:30-4:05-6:20-9:00
Tron: Legacy in Disney Digital 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 12:10-3:20-6:30-9:50
The King's Speech (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 12:20-3:30-6:40-9:45
The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader in Digital 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 11:35-2:40-5:30-8:30
Black Swan (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 12:30-3:10-6:10-6:40-9:10-9:40
The Fighter (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 12:50-4:00-7:10-10:15
The Tourist (PG-13) 11:50-2:30-5:20-8:10
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 1 (PG-13) 11:20-2:50
Gulliver's Travels (PG) 11:30-2:15-4:55-7:30-10:05
Tron: Legacy (PG) 5:10-8:20
Little Fockers (PG-13) 11:00-11:40-1:40-2:20-4:20-5:00-7:00-7:40-9:40-10:10
How Do You Know (PG-13) 12:05-3:00-6:00-9:20
True Grit (PG-13) 12:40-3:40-6:50-10:00
Tangled (PG) 11:10-2:00

AMC Loews Uptown 1
3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W. www.AMCTheatres.com

Tron: Legacy in Disney Digital 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (!) 1:00-4:10-7:15

AMC Mazza Gallerie
5300 Wisconsin Ave. NW www.AMCTheatres.com

Yogi Bear 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 12:00-2:15-4:40-7:00-9:10
How Do You Know (PG-13) Club Cinema-Over 21: 11:00-2:00-4:45-7:40-10:30
The Tourist (PG-13) Club Cinema-Over 21: 12:20-2:50-5:20-7:50-10:20
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True Grit (PG-13) 11:30-2:10-4:50-7:30-10:10

Avalon
5612 Connecticut Avenue www.theavalon.org

Casino Jack (R) (!) 12:00-2:40-5:20-8:00
How Do You Know (PG-13) (!) 12:30-3:00-5:45-8:30

Landmark E Street Cinema
555 11th St. NW www.landmarktheatres.com

Rare Exports: A Christmas Tale (R) 1:30-3:30-5:30-7:30-9:30
I Love You Phillip Morris (R) 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-9:55
The King's Speech (R) 11:00-12:45-2:15-3:45-5:15-6:45-8:15-9:30
Casino Jack (R) 1:15-4:15-7:00-9:40
Bhutto (NR) 1:00-5:30-10:00
Black Swan (R) 11:00-12:15-1:45-3:00-4:30-5:45-7:15-8:30-9:45
127 Hours (R) 3:15-7:45

Regal Gallery Place Stadium 14
707 Seventh Street NW www.regalcinemas.com

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How Do You Know (PG-13) 12:50-4:00-7:20-10:30
Love and Other Drugs (R) 8:05-10:45
True Grit (PG-13) (!) 11:30-2:05-4:50-7:50-10:35
Tangled (PG) 12:00-2:25-4:55

MARYLAND

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road www.afi.com/silver

I Love You Phillip Morris (R) NO PASSES: (!) 12:45-3:00-5:15-7:30-9:40
Black Swan (R) 12:30-2:45-5:00-7:15-9:30
127 Hours (R) 1:00-3:15-5:30-7:40-9:45

AMC Loews Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd. www.AMCTheatres.com

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (PG) CC-Closed Captions: (!) 11:05-1:50-4:30-7:10-10:00
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Yogi Bear (PG) (!) 10:15-12:30-2:55-5:30-8:00-10:30

AMC Loews White Flint 5
11301 Rockville Pike www.AMCTheatres.com

Tron: Legacy (PG) 10:05-1:00-4:10-7:15-10:20
Little Fockers (PG-13) 10:45-1:35-4:25-7:00-9:25
Burlesque (PG-13) 10:25-1:15-4:00-6:45-9:45
How Do You Know (PG-13) 11:15-2:05-4:55-7:45-10:35
True Grit (PG-13) 11:00-1:50-4:40-7:30-10:05

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way www.AMCTheatres.com

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Yogi Bear (PG) (!) 11:10-1:30-4:00

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue www.landmarktheatres.com

Somewhere (R) 11:40-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:30
The Tempest (2010/II) (PG-13) 11:15-5:15
The King's Speech (R) 10:15-12:00-1:00-2:00-3:00-4:00-6:00-7:00-8:00-8:45-9:45
Made in Dagenham (R) (!) 11:00-1:30-4:15-7:15-9:55
Black Swan (R) 10:45-11:45-1:15-2:15-3:45-4:45-6:30-7:30-9:00-10:00
Rabbit Hole (PG-13) (!) 11:50-2:20-4:55-7:20-9:50

Regal Bethesda 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue www.regalcinemas.com

Yogi Bear 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (!) 11:20-1:30-3:50-6:50-9:00
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Regal Hyattsville Royale Stadium 14
6505 America Blvd.

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VIRGINIA

AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd. www.AMCTheatres.com

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Black Swan (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 10:45-1:30-4:00-7:15-10:00
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AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd. www.AMCTheatres.com

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Alexandria Old Town Theater
815 1/2 King St http://tickets.oldtowntheater.com/

True Grit (PG-13) (!) 2:00-4:30-7:15
The Tourist (PG-13) 2:30-5:00-7:30

Arlington Cinema 'N' Drafthouse
2903 Columbia Pike http://www.arlingtondrafthouse.com/

Megamind (PG) 7:30
Red (PG-13) 9:50
The Town (R) 9:50

Regal Ballston Common 12
671 N. Glebe Road www.regalcinemas.com

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How Do You Know (PG-13) 10:45-1:30-4:20-7:15-10:00
True Grit (PG-13) (!) 10:40-11:25-1:20-1:55-4:15-5:10-7:05-7:55-9:35-10:30
Tangled (PG) 10:50-1:25-4:05-6:50-9:30
Yogi Bear (PG) 12:00-2:15-4:35

TV tonight lookout

Tough, Touchy Subjects

Confessional reality shows expose intense personal struggles

Premieres

TLC 9:00 While networks settle in for their long winter's nap of reruns, two cable outlets launch new series tonight — both with the strange confessional aspects that "documentary" reality shows can bring.

"I Used to Be Fat" (10 p.m., MTV) follows teens from their final weeks of high school until their opening weeks of college. They want to make their summer count, particularly on the scale. Every new episode will focus on a different teen, from a 306-pound student from a close-knit Italian family whose mother equates food with love to an obese girl who opted to be home-schooled rather than face the taunting of her peers.

Weight-loss struggles pale, however, beside the trials of the subjects on "My Strange Addiction" (9 p.m., TLC), a new hourly series. The new program joins TLC's peculiar niche of shows about extreme situations, subcultures and behavior.

Don't go looking for something as humdrum as "Hoarders." These folks include a woman who can't sleep unless she has her blow-dryer with her in bed — on full blast! It's murder on her skin (not to mention her utility bills), and she runs the risk of burning down the house. Stranger still, this hair dryer obsession has been with her since she was 8 years old.

Other subjects include people with a predilection for eating detergent. Another snacks on toilet paper. And one man has taken body building to an unhealthy extreme. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)**

COURTESY DISCOVERY

A man named Davecat is married to a life-size doll in TLC's "My Strange Addiction."

Best Bets

CW 8:00 **Hellcats** The Hellcats and the girls volleyball team compete in an intense game of flag football. Lewis impresses Red with his coaching, but Marti blows off the game. Savannah and Alice (Heather Hemmens, right) find themselves at odds once again.

FOX 8:00 **Human Target** Chance and Guerrero must rescue Winston from kidnappers. Billionaire philanthropist Ilsa Pucci, who fears for her life after her husband's mysterious death, and Ames, a master thief and chameleon, join the team in "Ilsa Pucci."

NBC 8:00 **Undercovers** Shaw pulls Steven and Samantha away from their romantic Greek vacation to help with a tense hostage situation at a hotel in Tel Aviv. Hoyt helps the couple go undercover.

CBS 10:00

The Defenders Nick defends a man charged with attempted murder in connection with a bar shooting that left one man dead and an off-duty cop injured. Pete (Jerry O'Connell, left), meanwhile, tries to negotiate a deal for a man who was caught with stolen Elvis memorabilia. **(TRIBUNE MEDIA)**

Profile

He's Got the Beat

In the new "Tavis Smiley Reports" episode "Dudamel: Conducting a Life" (8 p.m. on PBS), Smiley profiles electrifying Los Angeles Philharmonic music director Gustavo Dudamel, who, at 29, is the youngest conductor of any major orchestra in the world. The hour also includes a feature on Youth Orchestra Los Angeles, an initiative by the L.A. Philharmonic to build youth orchestras in underserved communities. **(TM)**

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Hot 2011 Destinations

Anniversaries, events, celebrities and the economy will influence travel in 2011, from the royal wedding in London to the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks in New York. BETH J. HARPAZ (AP)

London in April

London is sure to be crowded for the April 29 wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton. "If Charles and Diana got 600,000 people who came into London for that wedding, I could see a million for this one," said travel expert Pauline Frommer.

Virginia in July

The 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War is also being marked this year. One of the largest commemorations takes place July 21-24 in Manassas, Va., where the war's first major land battle took place. A historical re-enactment there is expected to draw as many as 15,000 participants.

D.C. in August

Crowds are also expected to turn out for the opening in Washington, D.C., of the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial on the National Mall. A 28-foot-tall statue of the civil rights leader will be dedicated between the Jefferson and Lincoln memorials Aug. 28, near the spot where he delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech 48 years earlier.

N.Y.C. in September

New York is the No. 1 city in Lonely Planet's "Best in Travel 2011" guidebook. "For all of New York, 11 September 2011 will be a defining moment," wrote the publisher's U.S. travel editor, Robert Reid. A Sept. 11 memorial is expected to open in time for the anniversary of the attacks.

MATT HAGE/AP

The Last Frontier Alaska is hoping for a benefit from the TLC series "Sarah Palin's Alaska" and other cable shows showcasing the 49th state. "They have raised the profile, awareness and, ultimately, the interest in coming to Alaska," said Ron Peck, president of the Alaska Tourism Industry Association.

Sin City Beckons

Vegas was also named the No. 1 domestic destination based on 2011 booking data reported by managers and agents from Travel Leaders, one of the top 10 travel agencies in the U.S. And in March, Vegas will get a shot of publicity among younger travelers when mtvU hosts its annual spring break party there. The hotel pools of Sin City will be a departure from more typical beach spring break destinations such as Mexico.

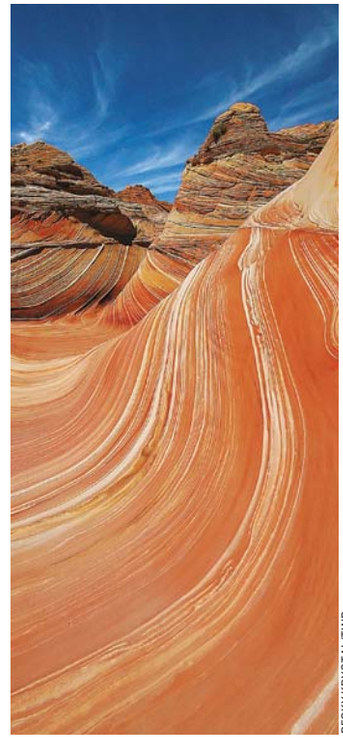
Spring Break

Whether college students will lead the way back to beaches in the Florida Panhandle in the new year remains an open question, but New Orleans is expecting more spring breakers in 2011 because Mardi Gras happens to fall during the second week of March. The city is launching a new tourism campaign to attract more visitors ages 18 to 35, according to Kelly Schulz, spokeswoman for the New Orleans Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Overseas Travel

Rebound in Europe?

One of the biggest 2011 questions is how consumers will view European travel.
CONS Protests over the economic crisis there have made headlines, and air travel has been repeatedly disrupted by everything from strikes to Iceland's volcano to ice and snow in the days before Christmas. Air travel by U.S. citizens to Europe was down about 1 percent for the first six months of 2010, according to the latest statistics from the U.S. Commerce Department.
PROS Europe's weak economy could result in travel bargains, especially in countries such as Portugal, Spain and Greece, according to John Clifford of InternationalTravelManagement.com and a San Diego-based travel company called Luxury Travel Consultancy.



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National Parks

The National Park Service is expecting a slight increase in park visitors of nearly 1 percent in 2011. While park visitor numbers were down slightly in 2010 over 2009, some parks had banner years, including Yellowstone, which recorded more than 3.6 million visitors for the year before December was even over, topping the record 3.3 million who visited in 2009.

$ Expect Hotel Hikes

The improving U.S. economy is likely to mean higher prices in hotels. "We believe rates will go up," said Scott Berman, hospitality and leisure leader at PricewaterhouseCoopers. He said the demand for group travel is picking up, too, which means increased demand for hotels and fewer bargains for leisure travelers. (AP)

Real Deals

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WHEN: April 10, 2011; add $30 for Jan. 16, 30, March 27; $50 for Feb. 27.
DETAILS: No booking deadline; based on availability. Contact American Discount Cruises, 866-214-7447, Americandiscountcruises.com.

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WHEN: Departures on select Saturdays and Sundays from Jan. 15, 2011, to June 23, 2012.
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WHEN: Jan. 12, 26; add $150 for Feb. 9, 16, 23; $160 for March 9, 16, 23.
DETAILS: No booking deadline. Contact Sceptre Tours, 800-221-0924, Sceptretours.com.

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The Campaign Against CHAMPAGNE

Sparkling substitutes to kick off your new year

It's a long-standing tradition to raise a glass of Champagne when the ball drops on New Year's Eve. But not everyone loves the bubbly vino. Some complain that it's too acidic, some think it's too glitzy, and others would prefer an option produced on U.S. shores. Some revelers would rather hoist a cocktail when the confetti rains down on Times Square (or the computer screen). Still, if you feel chilly about icing down a bucket of champers, there are plenty of other sparkling drinks out there that will have you saying, "Dom who?" NEVIN MARTELL

Glitz-Free

Ne-Yo sings about the perks of the "Champagne Life." But what do you order when you want to keep a lower profile? Drink a craft beer, recommends Birch and Barley's (1337 14th St. NW; 202-567-2576) beer director, Greg Engert. "They provide the effervescence of sparklers, but in a wider range of tastes and aromas," he says. "You can enjoy roasty or smoky flavors, herbal and citric hop freshness, or even fruit and spice aromatic notes." His pick for this year's countdown: Utah's Uinta Crooked Line Labyrinth Black Ale, which has hints of bittersweet chocolate, espresso, licorice and toasty oak.

Acid Reflux

"Champagne's just too acidic a way to start a new year," declares Ardeo+Bardeo's (3311 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-244-6750),sommelier and manager Time Glavin. He prefers to kick January off with a glass of Prosecco instead. "Its flavors are fresher, and it doesn't have the acidity," he says. If you want to up the ante a bit, Glavin enjoys mixing the Italian fizzer with strawberry puree and a little rose water.

ORANGE YOU GLAD COCKTAIL

- 1 slice fresh, ripe orange
- 1/2 ounce honey syrup (equal parts honey and hot water, stirred to combine)
- 2 dashes orange bitters
- 1 ounce Lillet
- 4 ounces extra-dry Prosecco or other sparkling wine, chilled
- Orange twist for garnish

In a shaker, muddle orange slice, honey syrup and bitters. Add the Lillet and stir. Fill the shaker half-full with ice cubes, and shake vigorously. Strain into a chilled champagne saucer or flute, and top slowly with the chilled bubbly. Garnish with a strip of orange peel.

FROM "TINY BUBBLES" BY KATIE SIMON

Drink Local

Thanks to those snooty ads, we all know that "real" Champagne only comes from the region with the same name in France. But what if you want to sip your support for local vineyards when Dick Clark announces that 2011 has arrived? "There are many winemakers in Virginia that are producing great sparkling wines that can challenge the taste of Champagne," says Moez Ben Achour, sommelier of Marcel's (2401 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-296-1166). He's particularly fond of Thibaut-Janisson's Blanc de Chardonnay, with its apple and pear flavors and a crisp finish.

Sass Up Your Fizzy

Champagne may have tasted like stars to Dom Perignon when he first discovered it, but some people find it a one-note experience. Kate Simon, author of "Tiny Bubbles: Fizzy Cocktails for Every Occasion, Using Champagne, Prosecco and Other Sparkling Wines" ($10, Chronicle) likes to dress up bubbly with other ingredients to give it multi-layered flavors. Her fresh and festive Orange You Glad cocktail is a good example. "Sweet orange and honey mingle with the wine-based herbal aperitif Lillet and Prosecco," she says. "It celebrates the fabulous citrus available this time of year."

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Today's Question

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Yesterday's Results

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COMMENTER KEVIN

"I really like the idea of eliminating the cycle of shipping, return shipping, plus shipping the new gift. If it were me, I would send an e-mail to the recipient saying 'x' has been ordered for you, then give them a choice to accept, exchange, or send an Amazon gift card."

COMMENTER BRAD2

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"This is a serious turning point in public opinion when three undeniably liberal media stars — Chris Matthews (MSNBC), Clarence Page (Chicago Tribune) and David Corn (Mother Jones) — say they want to see President Obama's birth certificate. Obviously, the 'birther' issue is not going away."

—**LEWROCKWELL.COM/BLOG** WAS STUNNED TO HEAR THAT MATTHEWS, AMONG OTHERS, THINKS THAT OBAMA COULD END THE CONTROVERSY BY SIMPLY REQUESTING THE DOCUMENT HIMSELF.

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Horoscope

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may not be feeling quite up to par, but that shouldn't hold you back if you have places to go and people to meet.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) As a victim of a misunderstanding, you must be willing to sort out conflicting information in order to solve the problem.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) What worked for you yesterday may not be as successful, and even a minor adjustment can have you improving your performance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Late in the game, you may realize that you've been going about your business all wrong. Indeed, a change of outlook is required.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) While others may have much to celebrate at this time, you may find yourself on the outside looking in. Why are you feeling cut off?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may have to take care of a few routine duties before you can indulge a whim. Once you begin, however, others will want to join you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Others may not be keeping the same schedule that you are, so you will have to be patient while waiting for responses to your queries.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You can afford to approach things in a more imaginative way; the more colorful you are, the more likely you'll get what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may not believe that a certain slight adjustment can dramatically increase your personal rewards — until it happens.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You can afford to risk a little more than usual, but take care that you're equipped with all pertinent, up-to-date information.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You are going to have to get permission from someone in charge before you can indulge in a kind of side trip.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) The unusual and the routine are likely to become closely linked, and you may have trouble determining which is which at first.

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Yesterday's Solution

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C3	O1	W4	S1	H4	E1	D2	RACK 2 =	74
E1	T1	C3	H4	E1	R1		RACK 3 =	11
S1	C3	O1	R1	N1	E1	D2	RACK 4 =	70
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Yesterday's Solution

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5	1	7	9	6	3	2	8	4
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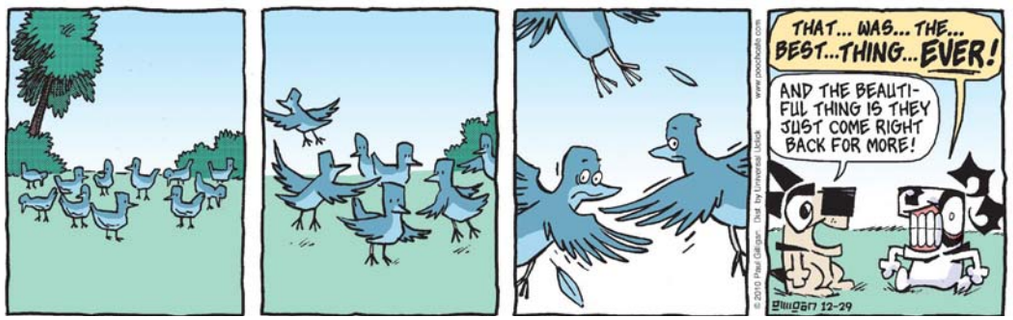

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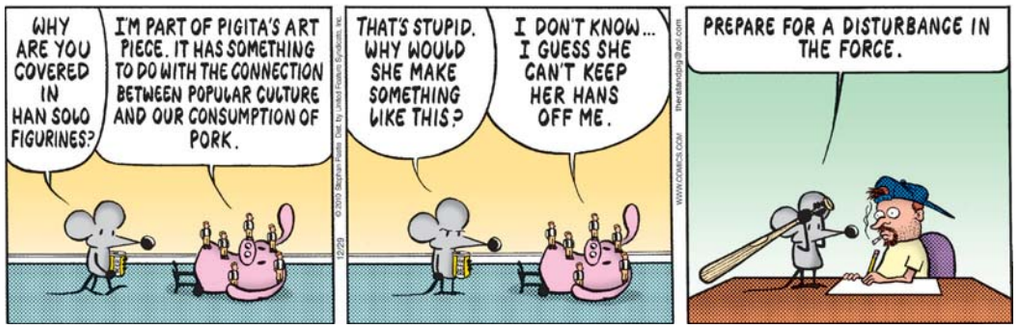

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Today: Plenty of sunshine today. Clear early tonight, then increasing clouds.

42 | 31

Tomorrow: Cloudy tomorrow morning, then clouds and sun in the afternoon.

Looking Ahead

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47 | 37	55 | 43	53 | 30

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 7:26 a.m.
Sunset today: 4:54 p.m.
Moonrise today: 1:34 a.m.
Moonset today: 12:21 p.m.

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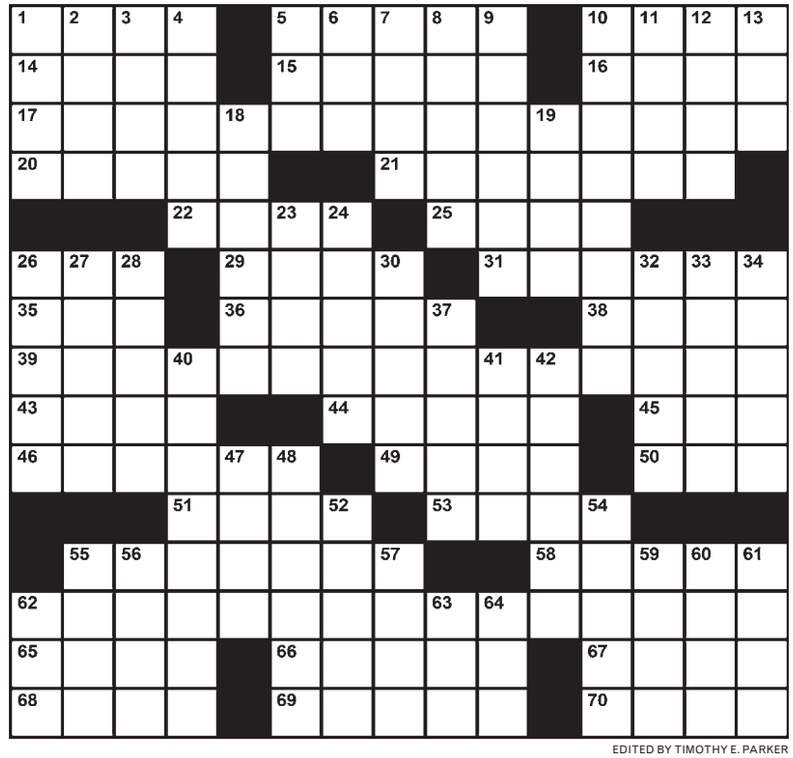

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ACROSS

1 Road sign silhouette
5 "Homo," for humans
10 "Half," "quarter" or "eighth" follower
14 Fish-eating sea bird
15 Place for pro hoops
16 You might bounce it off someone
17 Place to keep one's sheets
20 Site of the Krupp steel works
21 Baron's bride, e.g.
22 Clashers in Hollywood
25 Eye medication dose
26 Tell a whopper
29 Home of the Osmonds
31 Stoolie
35 Genetic code letters
36 Fruits for rickeys
38 "Heartburn" author Ephron
39 Not available for use
43 Ready for the operating room
44 Not together
45 Young man
46 Virgil's epic
49 Evidence of an old injury
50 Overhead expanse
51 Entre ___ (between us)
53 Etch-a-Sketch control
55 Small hovering falcon
58 Bumper sticker, e.g.
62 Righteous Brothers classic
65 Manhattan art gallery district
66 Stars that brighten then fade
67 Direction in sailing
68 Resting on
69 Not a kid anymore
70 Hankerings

DOWN

1 Takeout for an editor?
2 Bow-and-arrow boy
3 Nephew of Cain and Abel
4 Examine again, as a patient
5 ___ pal (girlfriend)
6 Previously, in poems
7 Lowest high tide
8 Like expired parking meters
9 Swashbuckling blades
10 Variety of bowling
11 They could be in your favor
12 Informal shirts
13 Musical skill
18 Totally swamp
19 Liver nutrient
23 Suffix with "narc"
24 Setting for Margaret Mead's first book
26 Parkinson's medicine
27 Become hardened (to)
28 Word with "worm" or "moth"
30 Rope fibers
32 Slaves away
33 Froggy's last comment?
34 Good with tools, say
37 Lip sound
40 Where union membership isn't needed
41 Land where Farsi is spoken
42 Walked triumphantly
47 Very small amount
48 In the course of
52 Title with a tilde
54 Secure, as a climbing rope
55 Sheepshank, e.g.
56 Guitar amp effect
57 Prefix meaning "toward the left"
59 Tunesmith Porter
60 The Arabian Sea's Gulf of ___
61 Caustic solutions
62 "God Bless the ___"
63 Margery of children's rhyme
64 Jones film, "___ in Black"

Yesterday's Solution

Today in History

1890 The Wounded Knee massacre takes place in South Dakota as an estimated 300 Sioux Indians are killed by U.S. troops sent to disarm them.

1975 A bomb explodes in the main terminal of New York's LaGuardia Airport, killing 11 people.

2009 Mexico City enacts Latin America's first law recognizing gay marriage.

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Funny-to-Disturbing Event Horizon Crossed

Vivid Entertainment CEO Steve Hirsch, who has been asking Nadya "Octomom" Suleman to work for his porn company for months, tells TMZ.com that he might help her with the large balloon payment due on her home Dec. 31. "This would be a great opportunity to begin a relationship with Octomom," he said. Suleman has vetoed all offers from Vivid, even for non-porn jobs. **(EXPRESS)**

WISHES

If Jennifer Aniston Could Just Find a Man, Our Lives Would Finally Be Complete

Reese Witherspoon is engaged to Hollywood agent Jim Toth. A rep for the actress confirmed that the couple will wed and that they're "extremely happy." The 34-year-old actress was previously married to Ryan Phillippe; they have two children and divorced in 2008. Toth is an agent for Creative Artists Agency. **(AP)**

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Now, draw a giant, sparkly ring on this hand—make it a Harry Winston one.

Dirtbag Digest

One Resolution Down, Zero to Go

On Oct.21, Michael Lohan issued a statement claiming that he would never again speak to the media about himself or his family. "Please refrain from calling or contacting me," he said. This week, he told Radaronline.com about how he isn't going to tell anyone anything about daughter Lindsay's post-rehab plans. Does that count? **(EXPRESS)**

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Dr. Spock suggests keeping shiny, dangling objects away from newborns.

BABIES

[Insert Pun on Lyric]

Sir Elton John and husband David Furnish have become parents to a 7-pound, 15-ounce baby boy born on Christmas Day. Zachary Jackson Levon Furnish-John was born in California via a surrogate, whose identity is being protected by the new parents. Zachary is 62-year-old John's first child with the 48-year-old Furnish. The couple married in 2005. In a statement, the new parents said, "Zachary is healthy and doing well," and they are "overwhelmed with happiness and joy at this very special moment." **(AP)**

SUBJECTS

Now It's About Paris Hilton

The filmmakers behind "Dogs in Pocketbooks" are backing away from speculation that the project is based on Lindsay Lohan, TMZ.com reported after harsh words from Lohan lawyers. Writer/producer Charles Casillo says the rumor is "totally blown out of proportion" and the character is a melange of troubled starlets. **(EXPRESS)**

"This is such BS!!!! Lol, you people all report BS. Cabo!!!!! Sun, bikinis, friends, food, tequila... celebration!!!! Gonna be the best trip!!"

—**LEANN RIMES** TWEETS ABOUT HOW SHE IS NOT PREGNANT AND ALL RUMORS OF HER BEING SO ARE STUPID. SHE'S ALSO ON VACATION. WHOO!

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